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Dear Mr. Becker:

Thank you for your letter of August 22, 2005 together with a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability in connection with the above-captioned application.

We would request you to pay the Issue fee. If the Examiner requires us to make the drawing changes indicated in the Notice of Allowability, please comply with the requirements on your side.

It is not necessary to file an additional divisional application or continuation application for the present case unless we have requested you to prosecute subject matters other than those of the allowed claims.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,
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